



**SPECIAL COMMON COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 2, 2012
6 P.M.**

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| Regular Meeting | The Special meeting of the Common Council of the City of Middletown was held in the Council Chamber of the Municipal Building on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 6 p.m. |
| Present | Deputy Mayor Robert Santangelo, Council Members Thomas J. Serra, Joseph E. Bibisi, Linda Salafia, Todd G. Berch, Hope Kasper and Deborah Kleckowski. |
| Absent | Mayor Daniel T. Drew, Council Members Gerald E. Daley , Ronald P. Klattenberg, Mary A. Bartolotta, Philip J. Pessina, Grady L. Faulkner, Jr. and Corporation Counsel Daniel B. Ryan. |
| Also Present | Public Works Director Bill Russo, Finance Director Carl Erlacher, Director of IT William Oliver, Personnel Director Debra Milardo, Water and Sewer Director guy Russo, Parking Director Geen Thazhampallath, Chief of Police William McKenna, Park and Recreation Director Raymond Santostefano, Russell Library Arthur Meyers, Youth Services Director Justin Carbonella and 18 members of the public. |
| Meeting Called to Order | The Chair calls the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. and Councilwoman Kasper leads the public in the pledge of Allegiance. |
| Call of Meeting Read | The Call of the meeting is read and accepted. The Deputy Mayor declares this call a legal call and the meeting a legal meeting. |
| Workshop Opens | <p>The Chair opens Questions to Directors workshop at 6:09 p.m.</p> <p>Councilman Serra asks Carl Erlacher, Finance Director relative to the CNR and the portion that would be bonded and a portion that would be budgeted; is it possible to amend the bond. Mr. Erlacher responds Yes and No let me explain. You can amend the dollar amount down on the bond from the \$607,000 down and if you make any material changes to that bond like remove one or two items you can get away with that; however, if you make any material adjustments to the \$607,000 like taking out 3 or 4 different things and adding 4 different things, you would need written authorization from our bond counsel. Minor changes as long as you don't increase the dollar amount bonded. Councilman Serra asks let's cut to the chase about motorcycles; if we take the motorcycles out and put it to the budget side, is that possible. Director Erlacher responds yes it is. I caution you that we have \$300,000 in the budget if you exceed that and we use the full \$300,000 you will need an appropriation or a transfer. Councilman Serra has a second part to his question: can we can move it around anywhere to the budget side, you can move it from one CNR item to another. Mr. Erlacher says you can reduce the budget side no problem. If there is anything left over on that line item it would just roll over. You can move down or stay the same with changing parts but you cannot increase the \$607,000 just like an appropriation that we normally have. Councilman Serra states with the bond ordinance that we have in front of us, we can amend by deletion is that correct. Mr. Erlacher responds yes as long as it isn't material. If you are doing minor changes, I spoke with counsel today. We can move without touching the \$607,000. You can move it down. Councilman Serra states, with the bond ordinance, we can amend by deletion is that correct. Mr. Erlacher responds yes, as long as it is not material. Councilman Serra replies thank you for clarification.</p> <p>Councilwoman Kasper asks to address questions to William Oliver, IT Director. She states the CNR budget is there anything that you proposed in budget that you can postpone. Is there anything that can wait a year. Director Oliver responds If you want to make adjustments in that It wouldn't be a single item that I would recommend. I am assuming you have a target amount you have in mind to reach. Councilwoman Kasper responds maybe we can move the copier and some equipment, software and printers to the bond side. Director Oliver responds he just couldn't take one line item out or eliminating completely. Those bonds were based on the budget for all those items and were set up waiting for directions from Finance. They were two separate issues. Councilwoman Kasper replies thank you.</p> |
| Workshop Closes | The Acting Chair closes the workshop at 6:15 p.m. |

Motion to adjourn

Motion made to adjourn by Councilman Berch moves to adjourn and his motion is seconded by Councilwoman Kasper. The Acting Chair declares the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

ATTEST:

Linda DeSena
Acting Council Clerk